

Application No. 10/666,642

Amendment dated July 27, 2005

Reply to Restriction Requirement of June 30, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph to the specification on page 1 at line 10 (before "Technical Field"):

The claimed invention, in the field of functional genomics and the characterization of plant genes for the improvement of plants, was made by or on behalf of Mendel Biotechnology, Inc. and Monsanto Corporation as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement, said agreement having been executed on 10/31/1997, and in effect on or before the date the claimed invention was made.